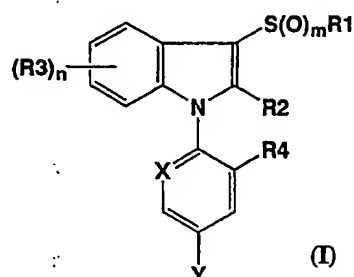


Amendment to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A flea control agent comprising a flea-killing effective amount of an N-substituted indole derivative represented by general formula (I):



wherein X is ~~CH, N or C-halogen atom~~ N or C-Cl; Y is a hydrogen atom, ~~a C1-C5~~ C1-C3 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), ~~a C2-C5 alkenyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C2-C5 alkynyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C1-C5 alkoxy group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a halogen atom, a cyano group or a nitro group~~; R1 is a ~~C1-C5~~ C1-C3 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), ~~or a C1-C5 alkoxy group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s)~~; R2, R3 and R4 are independently a hydrogen atom, a ~~C1-C5~~ C1-C3 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), or a C2-C5 alkenyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C2-C5 alkynyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a

~~halogen atom, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, a C1-C5 alkoxy carbonyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C1-C5 acyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a nitro group, a cyanato group, a thiocyanato group, a C1-C5 alkoxy group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), or S(O)_kR₅ wherein k is 0, 1 or 2 and R₅ is a C1-C5 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s); m is 0, 1 or 2; and n is 1, 2, 3 or 4.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) A flea control agent according to claim 1, wherein the compound of general formula (I) is 1-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridin-2-yl)-3-(dichlorofluoromethylthio)indole, 1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-(dichlorofluoromethylthio)indole or 1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethylthio)indole.

5. (Currently amended) A flea control agent according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to or 4, wherein the fleas to be controlled are fleas parasitic on companion animals.

6. (Currently amended) A shampoo or rinse for controlling fleas comprising the flea control agent according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to or 4.

7. (Currently amended) A percutaneous preparation comprising liquid drops for controlling fleas, comprising the flea control agent according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to or 4.

8. (Previously presented) A shampoo or rinse for controlling fleas comprising the flea control agent according to claim 5.

9. (Previously presented) A percutaneous preparation comprising liquid drops for controlling fleas, comprising the flea control agent according to claim 5.